

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 29 without my signature.

This bill imposes additional requirements on radio frequency identification (RFID) enabled cards within public schools. I believe that schools should always be taking steps to ensure student and family privacy, and the decision of using RFID devices and any notification requirements should remain at the local level. I support parental consent and notification, and encourage school districts deciding to require consent prior to adopting the use of contactless based identification cards at their schools, to apply it equally in a way that is technology neutral – whether it is an RFID enabled card or another type of identification card.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger